Importing Fresh Fruits from Afghanistan

2082. SHRI J.P. GOYAL: Will the Minister 01 AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether NAFED propose to import fresh fruits from Afghan:

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) by when such imported fruits shall be made available to the people ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRI-CULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRIYOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to *(c)* In terms of' the Import export policy 1985-86 NAFED was authorised to register contracts for import of fresh frurits upto the value of Rs. 3 crores during 1985-86 for which foreign exchange was allotted by the Government. Further impoit of fresh fruits up to the Value of Rs. 4.5 crores has been authorised with effect fn;m 21-10-85. The total foreign exchange allocation for import of fresh fruits thus work out to .Rs. 7.5 crores in respect of 1985-86.

NAFED. as canalising agency has issued N > objection Certificates (NOCs) for import of fresh fruit Afganistan to its a importers for tie total value. • f Rs. 3.29 upto 3-12-1985 during the crop (A '.gust to March) 1985-86.

The item of fresh fruits imported from Afg'ia listan include grapes mel-ons and A tar Badana/Kandhari. '1')). co signinents have been arri\ing in the markets since August, 1985.

Stoppage of implementation Crop Insurance scheme in Haryana

2083. SHRI J.P. GOYAI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state ;

(a) whether it is a fact that Haryana has abandoned the pro-gii.mme of implementing the crop insurance sch

(b) if so, the reasons therefor.;

(c) what are the names of states which have implemented the crop insurance scheme; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure implementation of the crop insurance programme through out the courury and Corporation)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRI-CULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government of Haryana is of the view that either individual farmer oratleas* a village should be taken as the unit of indemnity under the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme.

(c) Eleven State Governments namely Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Kar nataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Uttat Pradesh, Tamilnadu, West Bengal and Gujarat have implemented the scheme during Kharif, 1985. Haryana had also implemented the Scheme initially and it was enly later that it opted out ot the scheme.

(d) After working out the detais of the New Scheme, detailed guidelines were issued to all the Status and Union Territorie-s on the 3rd May, 1985 for implementation of the Crop Insurance Scheme from Kharif, 1985. The progress of the implementation of the scheme was reviewed at the National Level Conferences held on the 17th July, 1985 and 23rd September, 1985 wherein the States and Union Territories which had not implemented the scheme were impressed upon to implement the scheme in their areas. The Reserve Bank of India and the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) have already issued the necessary instructions to their Bank branches throughout the country for active participation in the successful implementation of the scheme. For wide publicity, States have been impressed upon to make use of Training and Visit (T&V) system and the media namely-Doordarshan and **All** India.